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#### SEISMICITY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BLOCK, CALIFORNIA

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#### Introduction

The San Francisco Bay block is bounded by two major 30°-35°NW-trending right-lateral strike-slip fault systems, the San Andreas and Hayward faults, which accommodate most of the relative motion between the Pacific and North American plates at this latitude (37.4°N-38°N) (Figure 1a). Present-day seismicity (during the past 26 years) in the San Francisco Bay area is generally associated with the San Andreas and Hayward-Calaveras fault systems, but a persistent, albeit low level, of microseismicity has also occurred within the 30-km-wide block bounded by these fault zones (Figure 1b). San Francisco Bay occupies a relative structural depression within this block (Page, 1982).

Geodetic and geologic evidence suggest that much of the relative Pacific-North American plate motion is accommodated by major (M≥6.8) earthquakes on the San Andreas and Hayward fault systems. Presently, the central portion of the Hayward fault slips aseismically (creeps) at an average rate of about 4-6 mm/yr (over the past two decades) (Lienkaemper et al., 1991) and produces background seismicity (M≤4.5 during the past 26 years) (Oppenheimer et al., 1992). The segment of the San Andreas fault between the Golden Gate Bridge and the Loma Prieta aftershock zone (see Figure 1b), however, is essentially locked -- this segment has produced only a low-level of background seismicity (M≤4.4) along the 45-km-long portion north of Crystal Springs Reservoir (Olson and Zoback, 1992). In the southern part of the San Francisco peninsula and the East Bay, off-fault background seismicity appears to accommodate a small component of NE-SW convergence (Olson and Zoback, 1992; Oppenheimer and MacGregor-Scott, 1992; Kovach and Beroza, 1993).

In contrast, evidence is ambiguous for Holocene deformation within the Bay block proper, and the cause of broader-scale deformation related to the formation of the San Francisco Bay basin within the Bay block has not been identified. Geodetic observations in the past two decades limit shear strain rates within the block to <3 mm/yr, which is within the noise level for those observations (Lisowski et al., 1991). Thus, if any active faults exist within the Bay block, they must have long (thousands of years) recurrence intervals. Geologic mapping provides equivocal evidence for Holocene faulting within

the onshore portion of the block except for small thrust faults subparallel to and within 5 km of the major strike-slip faults (Hart et al., 1981; Page, 1992).

Large-scale, through-going fault zones within the Bay block were suggested by Brabb and Hanna (1981) on the basis of prominent linear N50°-60°Wtrending aeromagnetic anomalies (Figure 2) aligned with mapped onshore shear zones within the Franciscan Formation (Figure 1a). Both gravity data (Figure 3) and recent high-resolution seismic-reflection profiles of Holocene Bay mud rule out significant vertical offsets across these proposed fault zones, however, and the seismic-reflection data also appear to rule out any significant Holocene strike-slip offset along these fault zones (Marlow et al., Preliminary interpretation of high-resolution seismic-reflection profiles in the San Francisco Bay had indicated two broad, NW-trending Holocene fault zones within the upper 10-50 m of Bay mud (Mann et al., 1993), which generally coincided with the linear aeromagnetic anomalies. evidence for the two postulated fault zones were subsequently revealed to be caused by lateral changes in amplitude brightness (possibly due to biogenic gas) coupled with a long source duration (Marlow et al., 1995). Even though the seismic-reflection evidence for "mud faults" has disappeared, the possibility of through-going faults or shear zones in the Franciscan basement beneath the bay mud suggested by Brabb and Hanna (1981) remains. However, the lack of observable shear strain within the Bay block and the lack of Holocene offset across these postulated fault zones suggests that, if these magnetic anomalies are indeed associated with pre-existing basement faults, they are probably relict structures which are currently inactive.

Despite the present low seismicity levels within the Bay block and the equivocal evidence for slip on the proposed intrablock fault zones, the proximity of the Bay block to major metropolitan centers and critical lifelines requires that the potential hazard due to any future earthquakes within the block be assessed, as even a moderate earthquake in this area could pose a significant hazard. Seismicity is one independent means by which active faulting can be identified and, in this study, we examine the spatio-temporal patterns and source character of this microseismicity and investigate its possible association with the proposed intrablock fault zones on the basis of any correlative hypocentral locations and fault-plane solutions. Results of

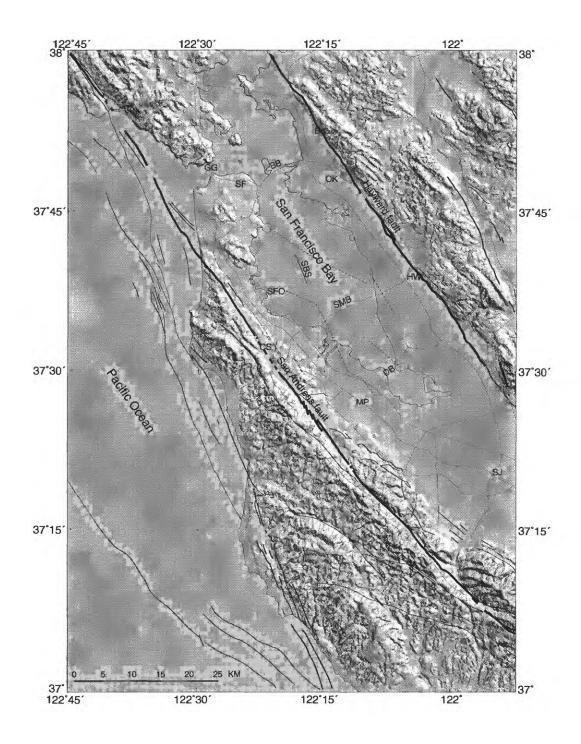


Figure 1a. Map of San Francisco Bay area Quaternary faults. Heavy line in bay shows axis of San Bruno shoal (SBS), an anticlinal-shaped bathymetric high on the bay floor, possibly tectonic or a remanent levee; dashed lines in bay show axes of aeromagnetic anomaly highs; thin lines show major roads and freeways. BB, Bay Bridge; BK, Berkeley; CS, Crystal Springs Reservoir; DB, Dumbarton Bridge; GG, Golden Gate Bridge; HW, Hayward; MP, Menlo Park; OK, Oakland; SF, San Francisco; SFO, San Francisco airport; SMB, San Mateo Bridge.

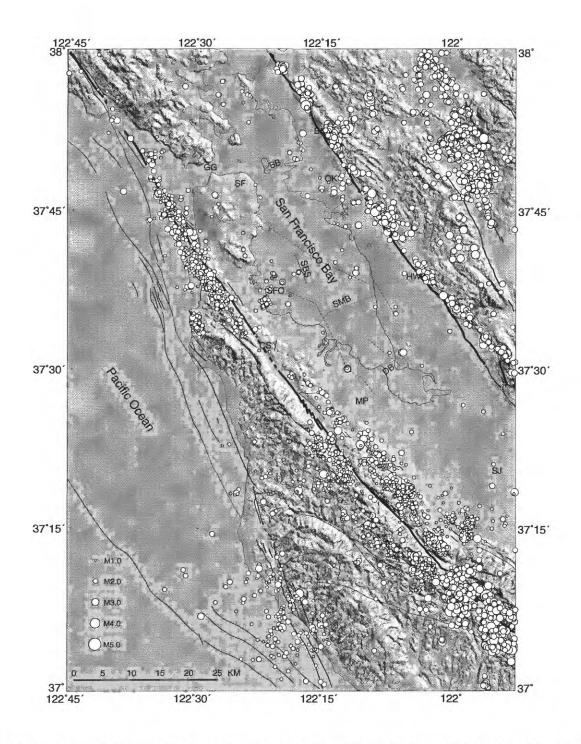


Figure 1b. Map showing relocated M≥1 epicenters (open circles) in the San Francisco peninsula (Olson and Zoback, 1992) and San Francisco Bay block areas (this study), and NCSN catalog M≥2 epicenters in the East Bay area during the past 26 years (January 1, 1969 through November 25, 1994). Epicenter circles are scaled linearly, proportional to magnitude. All events located with at least 6 arrival times and have RMS travel-time residual ≤0.3 s, estimated horizontal error (ERH) ≤2 km, estimated vertical error ≤4 km and minimum station distance <20 km. Heavy line in bay shows axis of San Bruno shoal (SBS); dashed lines in bay show axes of aeromagnetic anomaly highs; thin lines in bay show bridges. Concentration of epicenters along the San Andreas fault zone SE of 37°10' is northern end of Loma Prieta aftershock zone.

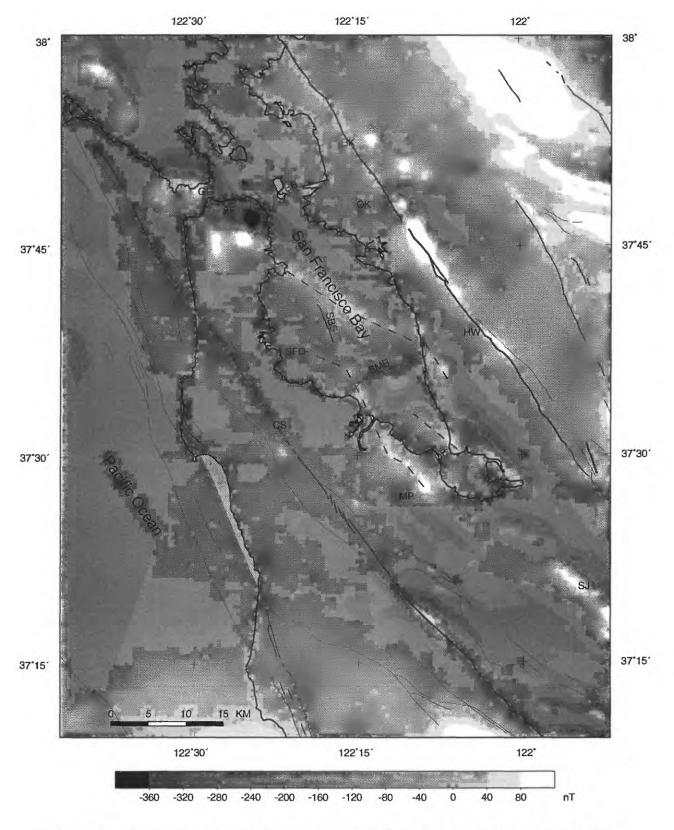


Figure 2. Aeromagnetic map of the San Francisco Bay area; data from Jachens and Roberts (1993). Heavy line in bay shows axis of San Bruno shoal (SBS); dashed lines in bay show axes of aeromagnetic anomaly highs; thin lines in bay show bridges.

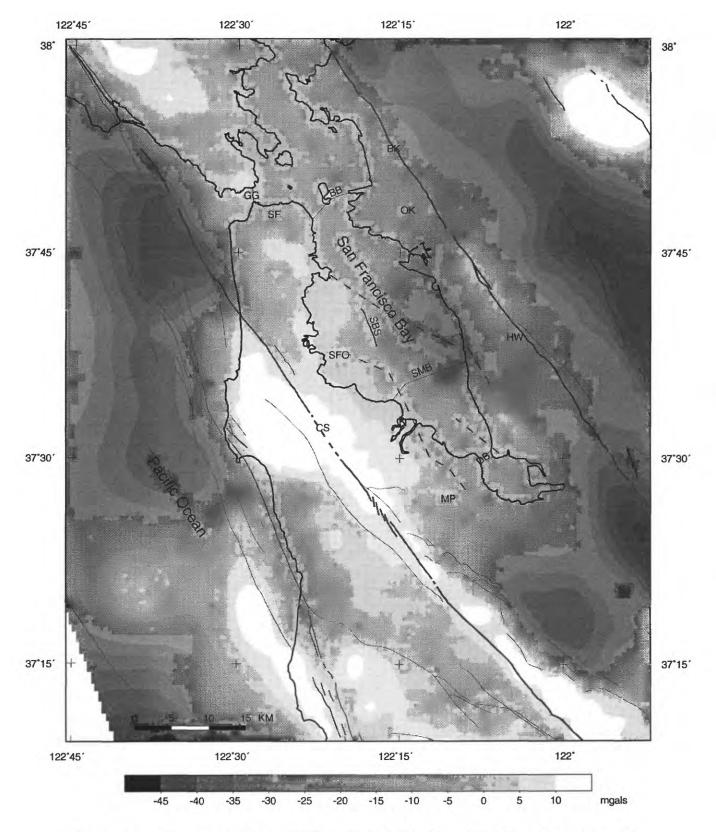


Figure 3. Isostatic residual gravity map of the San Francisco Bay area; data from Roberts and Jachens (1993). Heavy line in bay shows axis of San Bruno shoal (SBS); dashed lines in bay show axes of aeromagnetic anomaly highs; thin lines in bay show bridges.

this study are, however, largely negative as we find no obvious correlation of seismicity with the proposed transbay fault zones. Furthermore, the seismicity does not suggest any other possible large-scale fault zones within the Bay block. Despite these negative results, this study forms a small but important step toward assessing the potential earthquake hazard in the Bay block.

#### **Data Analysis and Relocation Procedure**

#### Data collection and location analysis

We selected a study area between the San Andreas and Hayward fault surface traces at the latitudes of the the San Francisco Bay, between 37.42°N-38°N Standard processing of the USGS Northern California Seismic Network (NCSN) (e.g. Oppenheimer et al., 1993) had located 178 earthquake hypocenters within the study area between January 1, 1969 and November 25, 1994 using a series of one-dimensional (1-D) regional velocity models and station corrections based on earthquake travel-times. Separate 1-D velocity models are used for the San Francisco peninsula and for the Hayward fault, and a smoothed average of those two models is used to locate events in the intermediate area beneath San Francisco Bay. However, since these models were calculated, additional independent velocity information became available for the immediate San Francisco Bay region from a marine seismicreflection/refraction profile collected along the axis of the Bay as part of the 1991 Bay Area Seismic Experiment (BASIX) (McCarthy and Hart, 1993), as well as from other controlled-source travel-time data collected during two active, onshore seismic-reflection and refraction experiments in 1991 and 1993 (Murphy et al., 1992; Kohler and Catchings, 1994).

We used this new velocity information to attempt to improve hypocentral locations in the study area. First, we used a 1-D velocity model (Figure 4) based on the 2-D velocity model of Hole et al. (1993) for the San Francisco Bay seismic-refraction/reflection profile, and station corrections within the Bay block that we calculated specifically for this model. These station corrections are time adjustments for each station, applied to earthquake travel-times, which correct for differences between the model and true velocities in the upper ~15 km of the crust averaged along the sampled raypaths to each station, and are typically in the range +/-0.5 s for an area the size of the Bay block.

We calculated station corrections for this (fixed) 1-D model using VELEST, a least-squares, joint hypocenter-velocity travel-time inversion procedure (Ellsworth, 1977; Roecker, 1981). Station corrections were calculated for a total of 57 stations (see Table 1) and 44 sources (Table 2) within the Bay block (Figure 5), with epicentral distances within 50 km. These station corrections are relative to a fixed station correction (0 s) for the two stations located near the eastern end of the Dumbarton Bridge "CCYM" and "CYHM" (see Figure 5 and Table 1). A total of 562 P-wave travel-time observations from 21 earthquakes, 16 quarry blasts and 7 USGS onshore seismic experiment shots were used in the inversion. The shot locations and origin times were held fixed and the earthquake and quarry blast locations and origin times were solved for.

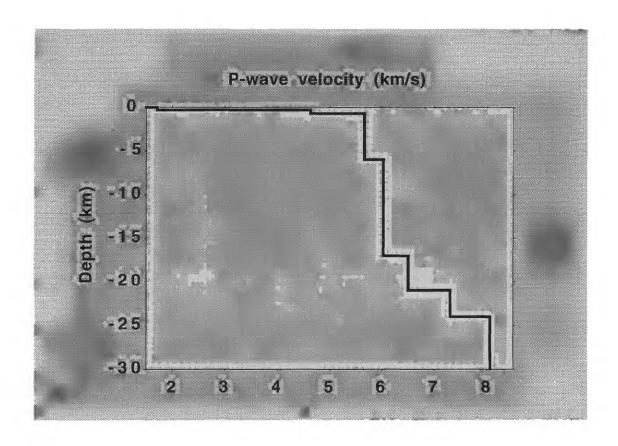


Figure 4. One-dimensional P-wave velocity model for crust in San Francisco Bay block (Steven Holbrook, written communication, 1994), based on two-dimensional velocity model calculated for NW-trending San Francisco Bay seismic-reflection/refraction profile (Hole et al., 1993).

Table 1. USGS Northern California Seismic Network (NCSN) Stations used to locate earthquakes in this study (C, component; SC, station correction in seconds).

CODE	LATIDUTE	LONGITUDE	С	SC	POLARITY REVERSAL PERIOD*
BKSB	37N°52.60'	122W°14.10'	Z	0.35	FOLIARITI REVERSAL FERIOD
BKSB	37N 52.60'	122W 14.10 '	E	0.35	
BKSB	37N 52.60'	122W 14.10 '	N	0.35	
BRKB	37N 52.60 37N°52.40'	122W 14.10 122W°15.60'	Z	0.35	
CAIM	37N°51.68'	122W 15.00 122W°25.77'	Z	0.33	
CALM	37N°27.07'	121W°47.95'	Z	0.23	720607-740405
CALM	37N°27.07'	121W 47.95'	E	0.07	720007 740403
CALM	37N°27.07'	121W°47.95'	N	0.07	
CBKM	37N°52.56'	122W°14.88'	Z	0.35	
CBRM	37N°48.97'	122W 14.00	Z	0.50	750715-751107
CBRM	37N°48.97'	122W° 3.72'	N	0.50	730713 731107
CBWM	37N°55.45'	122W 5.72 122W° 6.40'	Z	0.80	
CCNM	37N°47.49'	121W°56.89'	Z	0.96	
CCOM	37N°15.46'	121W°40.35'	Z	0.28	740717-830727
CCRM	37N°47.30'	121W 40.99	Z	0.96	700923-720609
CCYM	37N°33.10'	122W° 5.45'	Z	0.00	700923 720009
CDAL	37N°43.80'	121W°43.70'	Z	0.84	
CDAL	37N°43.80'	121W 43.70'	E	0.84	
CDOM	37N°43.80'	121W°50.12'	Z	1.09	
CDSM	37N°57.98'	122W°15.17'	Z	0.49	
CDUM	38N° 1.78'	122W° 0.05'	Z	1.35	
CDUM	38N° 1.78'	122W° 0.05'	N	1.35	
CDVL	37N°33.98'	121W°40.81'	E	0.31	
CDVL	37N°33.98'	121W°40.81'	N	0.31	
CDVL	37N°33.98'	121W°40.81'	N	0.31	
CDVL	37N°33.98'	121W°40.81'	E	0.31	
CDVL	37N°33.98'	121W°40.81'	Z	0.31	
CDVL	37N°33.98'	121W°40.81'	Z	0.31	
CGPM	37N°38.72'	122W° 0.62'	Z	0.17	
CGPM	37N°38.72'	122W° 0.62'	Z	0.17	
CLCM	37N°44.28'	122W° 3.83'	Z	0.38	
CMCM	37N°46.88'	122W°10.55'	Z	0.20	
CMHM	37N°21.57'	121W°45.38'	Z	0.11	
CMJM	37N°31.25'	121W°52.23'	Z	0.15	
CMKM	37N°29.13'	121W°51.93'	N	0.15	
CMKM	37N°29.13'	121W°51.93'	Ε	0.15	
CMKM	37N°29.13'	121W°51.93'	Z	0.15	
CMLM	37N°28.64'	121W°39.09'	Z	0.15	
CMNL	37N°37.65'	121W°42.50'	Z	0.85	
CMNL	37N°37.65'	121W°42.50'	E	0.85	
CMNL	37N°37.65'	121W°42.50'	N	0.85	
CMOM	37N°48.68'	121W°48.15'	Z	1.04	
CMRM	37N°35.68'	121W°38.22'	Z	0.30	
CNIM	37N°36.47'	121W°57.84'	E	0.22	
CNIM	37N°36.47'	121W°57.84'	Z	0.22	
CPAM	37N°37.88'	121W°57.37'	Z	0.22	
CPIM	37N°59.33'	122W°12.88'	Z	0.86	
CPLM	37N°38.25'	121W°57.64'	Z	0.22	
CPMM	37N°56.94'	122W°24.46'	Z	0.20	
CRAM	37N°46.03'	121W°56.25'	Z	1.02	
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CRPM	37N°54.75'	121W°54.33'		0.63	POLARITY REVERSAL PERIOD.
CRPM	37N°40.42'	121W 54.35	E	0.03	
CSAL	37N°40.42'	121W 42.25'	N	0.92	
CSAL	37N 40.42'	121W 42.25'	Z	0.92	
CSCM	37N 40.42 37N°17.11'	121W 42.25	Z	0.32	730904-831003
CSCM	37N°38.88'	121W 40.33	Z	0.24	
CSLM	37N 30.00	122W 2.37 122W° 7.10'	E	0.17	740712-740806
CSLM	37N°43.46'	122W 7.10'	N	0.38	
CSLM	37N°43.46′	122W 7.10 122W° 7.10'	Z	0.38	
CSDM	37N°57.45'	122W 7.10 122W°18.65'	Z	0.30	
CSVM	37N°51.88'	122W 10.05	Z	1.20	
CVAL	37N°37.10'	121W°45.49'	N	0.55	
CVAL	37N 37.10 '	121W 45.45'	Z	0.55	
CVLL	37N 37.10 37N°37.58'	121W 43.45	E	0.72	690101-881204*
CVLL	37N 37.58'	121W 50.14 121W°50.14'	Z	0.72	050101-001204
CVLL	37N 37.58'	121W 50.14 '	N	0.72	
CVDD	37N°53.04'	121W 30.14 122W°13.32'	Z	0.72	
CVPM	37N°53.04'	122W 13.32'	N	0.35	
CVPM	37N°53.04'	122W 13.32'	E	0.35	
CYBM	37N°48.48'	122W 13.32 122W°21.65'	Z	0.16	
CYBM	37N°48.48'	122W 21.65'	E	0.16	
CYBM	37N°48.48'	122W 21.65'	N	0.16	
CYBM	37N°48.48'	122W 21.65'	Z	0.16	
CYHM	37N°33.54'	122W 21.63	Z	0.00	
HVSG	37N°20.28'	121W°42.84'	Z	0.11	
JALM	37N 20.20 37N° 9.50'	121W 42.04 121W°50.82'	E	-0.16	
JALM	37N° 9.50'	121W°50.82'	Z	-0.16	700923-911031
JALM	37N° 9.50'	121W°50.82'	Z	-0.16	, 00 9 20 9 22 0 3 2
JALM	37N° 9.50'	121W°50.82'	N	-0.16	
JBCM	37N° 9.62'	122W° 1.57'	Z	0.13	760325-830523
JBEM	37N°20.54'	122W°20.31'	Z	0.49	
JBGM	37N°20.52'	122W°20.34'	Z	0.49	760924-770128, 901016-910924
JBKM	37N°18.95'	122W° 9.83'	Z	0.08	
JBLM	37N° 7.69'	122W°10.08'	Z	-0.04	
JBLM	37N° 7.69'	122W°10.08'	Ε	-0.04	
JBLM	37N° 7.69'	122W°10.08'	Z	-0.04	
JBLM	37N° 7.69'	122W°10.08'	N	-0.04	
JBLM	37N° 7.67'	122W° 9.98'	Z	-0.04	
JBMM	37N°19.09'	122W° 9.16'	Z	0.08	
JCHM	37N°31.02'	122W°22.56'	E	0.12	
JCHM	37N°31.02'	122W°22.56'	Z	0.12	
JCHM	37N°31.02'	122W°22.56'	N	0.12	
JCPM	37N°35.29'	122W°19.33'	Z	0.23	
JHPM	37N°26.65'	122W°18.09'	Z	0.32	801103-820923
JJRM	37N°20.68'	122W°12.09'	Z	0.05	
JLTM	37N°21.22'	122W°12.25'	Z	0.05	
JLXM	37N°12.11'	121W°59.17'	Z	-0.06	
JMGM	37N°38.22'	122W°28.43'	Z	0.16	
JMOM	37N°27.01'	122W°11.00'	Z	0.12	
JMPM	37N°27.33'	122W° 9.93'	$\mathbf{E}$	0.12	

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JMPM	37N°27.33'	122W° 9.93'	Z	0.12	
JMPM	37N°27.33'	122W° 9.93'	E	0.12	
JMPM	37N°27.33'	122W° 9.93'	N	0.12	
JMPM	37N 27.33'	122W° 9.93'	N	0.12	
JMPM	37N 27.33'	122W 9.93'	Z	0.12	
JPPM JPPM	37N 27.33 37N°15.87'	122W 9.93'			011104 001110
	37N 15.87	122W 12.78'	Z	0.39	811124-831118
JPPM	37N 15.81 37N°47.68'	122W 12.78 122W°28.46'	Z	0.39	
JPRM	37N°47.88° 37N°47.70'	122W°28.46'	Z	0.36 0.36	
JPRM	37N°47.70° 37N°11.94'		Z		
JPSM		122W°20.90' 122W°23.37'	Z	0.33	
JRIM	37N°47.28'		Z	0.16	
JSAM	37N°34.95'	122W°25.03'	Z	0.23	
JSBM	37N°40.74'	122W°23.80'	Z	0.10	E10504 E10000
JSCM	37N°17.07'	122W° 7.42'	Z	0.07	710524-710920
JSFM	37N°24.31'	122W°10.55'	E	0.22	
JSFM	37N°24.31'	122W°10.55'	Z	0.22	700923-720418, 850320-850517
JSFM	37N°24.31'	122W°10.55'	Z	0.22	
JSFM	37N°24.31'	122W°10.55'	N	0.22	
JSGM	37N°16.96'	122W° 3.00'	$\mathbf{Z}$	0.50	
JSJM	37N°20.03'	122W° 5.48'	Z	0.44	
JSLM	37N°34.56'	122W°25.40'	$\mathbf{Z}$	0.23	
JSMM	37N°12.74'	122W°10.06'	$\mathbf{Z}$	0.36	
JSSM	37N°10.17'	121W°55.84'	$\mathbf{Z}$	0.08	
JSTM	37N°12.41'	121W°47.84'	Z	-0.11	751226-801107
JTRM	37N°21.13'	122W°11.88'	$\mathbf{Z}$	0.05	
JWSM	37N°25.08'	122W°16.33'	$\mathbf{Z}$	0.32	700813-720210, 761004-780414
NABM	37N°56.35'	122W°45.53'	Z	0.30	
NBOM	37N°55.28'	122W°43.00'	Z	0.30	
NBRM	38N°15.65'	122W°32.99'	Z	0.41	
NCFM	38N°19.28'	122W°47.73'	Z	0.08	
NFIM	37N°41.90'	123W° 0.00'	Z	-0.03	
NGVM	38N°16.84'	122W°12.89'	Z	0.61	
NHFM	38N° 2.98'	122W°31.34'	Ε	-0.03	
NHFM	38N° 2.98'	122W°31.34'	$\mathbf{Z}$	-0.03	
NHFM	38N° 2.98'	122W°31.34'	N	-0.03	
NLHM	38N° 7.19'	122W° 8.87'	Z	0.80	
NLNM	38N° 9.15'	122W°42.75'	Z	-0.09	
MIMN	38N° 4.69'	122W°15.44'	Z	0.83	
NOLM	38N° 2.50'	122W°47.64'	$\mathbf{Z}$	-0.12	
MMOM	38N° 2.38'	122W°47.55'	Z	-0.12	
NPRM	37N°59.79'	123W° 0.98'	Z	-0.09	
NSEM	38N°10.96'	122W°27.20'	Z	0.07	
NSPM	38N°12.02'	122W°27.82'	Z	0.07	
NTAM	37N°55.43'	122W°35.70'	Z	0.11	
NTAM	37N°55.43'	122W°35.70'	Z	0.11	
NTAM	37N°55.43'	122W°35.70'	E	0.11	
NTAM	37N°55.43'	122W°35.70'	N	0.11	
NTBM	38N°14.87'	122W°55.86'	Z	-0.22	
NTPM	37N°55.22'	122W°33.78'	Z	0.11	

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NVEM	38N°22.36'	122W°26.17'	N	0.43	
NVEM	38N°22.36'	122W°26.17'	Z	0.43	
PCCB	37N°30.00′	122W°22.90'	z	0.12	
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<sup>\*</sup>Previously identified by NCSN.

Table 2. Dates, origin times (GMT), locations, depths and magnitudes of sources used in inversion for station corrections.

#### **USGS Shots**

ORIGIN TIME-					N TA	L(	ON W	DEPTH	DUR
YR	MON	DA	HRMN	DEC	G MIN	DEG	MIN	KM	MAG
91	MAY	30	930	37	49.67	122	29.41	0.00	2.0
93	MAY	26	808	37	32.41	122	24.35	0.00	1.7
93	MAY	26	802	37	20.14	122	13.94	0.00	1.8
93	MAY	28	704	37	36.46	121	57.91	0.00	1.5
93	MAY	28	800	37	51.89	122	11.29	0.00	1.6
93	MAY	28	906	37	46.79	122	6.96	0.00	1.1
93	MAY	28	908	38	0.23	122	21.87	0.00	1.4

#### **Quarry Blasts**

_	-ORIG	IN S	rime-	$-L_{2}$	N TA	L(	ON W	DEPTH	DUR
<u>Y</u>	R MON	DA	HRMN	DE	G MIN	DEG	MIN	KM	MAG
7	4 NOV	21	2045	37	32.86	122	5.37	0.05	1.8
7	5 JUL	15	2019	37	32.87	122	5.13	0.23	2.0
7	5 AUG	20	2209	37	32.84	122	5.01	0.31	1.8
7	6 JUL	31	0	37	32.84	122	5.28	0.24	1.8
8	3 JAN	13	14	37	32.68	122	4.73	0.04	1.4
8	4 JUL	3	55	37	32.90	122	4.92	0.07	1.4
8	5 FEB	7	2201	37	30.49	122	7.40	0.06	1.8
8	5 FEB	25	1913	37	30.60	122	7.43	0.06	1.7
8	5 FEB	28	1907	37	31.00	122	7.27	0.05	1.7
8	5 MAR	4	1937	37	30.67	122	7.30	0.07	1.7
8	5 MAR	20	1935	37	30.90	122	7.38	0.05	1.6
8	5 MAR	25	1938	37	31.20	122	7.48	0.07	1.6
8	5 OCT	1	2144	37	33.03	122	5.10	0.24	1.2
8	5 NOV	13	2146	37	33.00	122	5.20	0.12	1.3
8	9 SEP	5	2347	37	33.20	122	5.31	0.16	1.4
9	0 OCT	24	2009	37	31.03	122	7.34	0.10	1.3

Table 2, continued. Dates, origin times (GMT), locations, depths and magnitudes of sources used in inversion for station corrections.

#### **Earthquakes**

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--ORIGIN TIME- -LAT N-- --LON W-- DEPTH DUR
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           254 37 47.06 122 12.97
72 FEB 12
                                    1.90 1.8
        4 1519 37 47.28 122 15.36
                                    6.60 2.3
72 APR
72 NOV 14
           847 37 39.02 122 11.23 12.16 2.4
73 APR
        1 2035 37 25.75 122 14.30
                                    4.34 2.1
        1 2114 37 25.89 122 14.56
73 APR
                                    4.57 2.2
73 APR
        2
           633 37 25.81 122 14.57
                                    4.53 2.1
73 JUN
        2
           745 37 46.85 122 34.29
                                    8.10 1.9
74 JUN
        5 1438 37 46.23 122 28.36 17.98 2.4
78 MAY
        5 1437 37 46.49 122 17.10
                                    4.94 2.0
79 DEC 20 1229 37 38.36 122 19.92
                                    2.19 2.5
80 DEC
        4 2205 37 49.67 122 18.67
                                    4.21 2.0
           800 37 30.19 122 12.12
84 MAY 24
                                    7.55 2.8
84 OCT 29 1611 37 55.85 122 27.71
                                    6.91 2.0
               37 30.15 122 12.26
                                    8.08 2.3
84 NOV
        1 1014
               37
                  36.02 122 18.76
                                    3.54 2.0
87 JAN 31 1134
        2 1043
               37
                  36.54 122
                             22.13
                                    9.54 2.1
88 APR
88 OCT 25 1111 37
                  31.76 122
                              5.86 11.10 2.6
88 OCT 25 1112 37 31.76 122
                              5.69
                                   11.29 2.8
92 JUN 19 1629 37 37.75 122 22.29
                                  12.58 2.4
93 JUN 27 1145 37 56.60 122 31.95
                                    6.09 2.3
94 JAN 10 1902 37 46.69 122 13.55
                                    3.89 2.6
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Once station corrections were calculated specifically for stations within the Bay block proper, we again used VELEST on a subset of the source data to calculate station corrections for 39 additional, more distant stations up to 50 km outside the Bay block (see Figure 5 and Table 1). This expanded coverage provides improved take-off angles for use in determining fault-plane solutions. In this second inversion, all hypocenters and station corrections calculated in the first inversion were held fixed, as was the velocity model. is notable that the range of the station corrections for the Bay block is -0.22 s to 0.49 s, in contrast to the much larger range of -0.16 s to 1.35 s for the station corrections beyond the Bay block. The larger station corrections occur in the East Bay area and reflect substantially slower velocities in the crust east of the Calaveras fault (Catchings and Kohler, 1993).

In all of the station correction calculations, we used a common correction for stations in close proximity to one another (<3 km apart). In addition, time

corrections were applied to the shot travel-times to correct for differences between the velocity model and the true velocities in the vicinity of the crust directly beneath each shot. Each "shot correction" was the station correction for the station closest to the shot.

Once the new station corrections were computed, we relocated the NCSN hypocenters in the study area using our 1-D velocity model for San Francisco

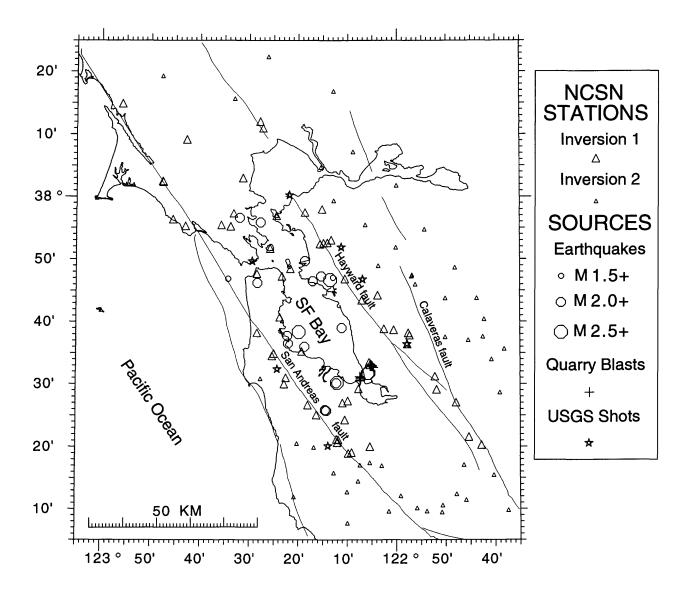


Figure 5. Map showing Northern California Seismic Network (NCSN) station locations and seismic sources (earthquakes, quarry blasts and USGS shots) used in inversion for station corrections and subsequent relocation of Bay block hypocenters. Larger triangles show stations used in inversion for station correction within Bay block (inversion 1), small triangles show stations used in inversion for relative station corrections beyond Bay block (inversion 2).

Bay (Figure 4) in the hypocentral location program HYPOINVERSE (Klein, 1989). We adopted the standard NCSN hypocentral location procedure including calculation of duration (coda) magnitudes (e.g. Oppenheimer et al., 1993).

This relocation procedure resulted in a reduction in the mean root-meansquare (RMS) travel-time residual for the data set, from 0.11 +/-0.08 s for the NCSN locations to 0.09 +/-0.08 s for the new locations, although the actual hypocentral location errors, discussed below (page 18), remain large because of the poor station distribution. This 18% reduction in the mean RMS traveltime residual shows that, while our model provides a small improvement in this parameter, the existing NCSN velocity models appear adequate for locating earthquakes within the Bay block. Further demonstration of a slightly greater precision resulting from the relocation are the improved mean depths of the seven fixed shots which are 1.51 +/-1.78 km and 0.85 +/-0.61 km for the NCSN and new locations, respectively. The epicentral errors for the shots (Figure 6) are, however, about the same for the NCSN and new locations; the mean horizontal errors are 0.71 +/-0.45 km and 0.64 +/-0.41 km, respectively. should, however, be noted that only one of the shots was located within the Bay block proper, the shot near the Golden Gate. The Golden Gate shot hence provides a more reliable test of our velocity model and station corrections than This Golden Gate shot does in fact show that our model is more the other shots. appropriate for the Bay block proper as the shot is located 0.18 km and 0.61 km from the real location using the new and NCSN model, respectively.

#### Quarry blast discrimination

Six quarries are located in the study area, and two within 4 km of the study area. All have been active for varying intervals, typically daily to weekly, for all or part of the period of our data set. Other blasts have also occurred in the area intermittently, for example, during construction on the Dumbarton Bridge. Because some of the relocated "earthquakes" in our dataset may have been quarry blasts, and some of the events identified by NCSN as quarry blasts may have been earthquakes, the final step in improving the Bay block seismicity data set involved a careful check to be certain that all events were actual earthquakes, not blasts.

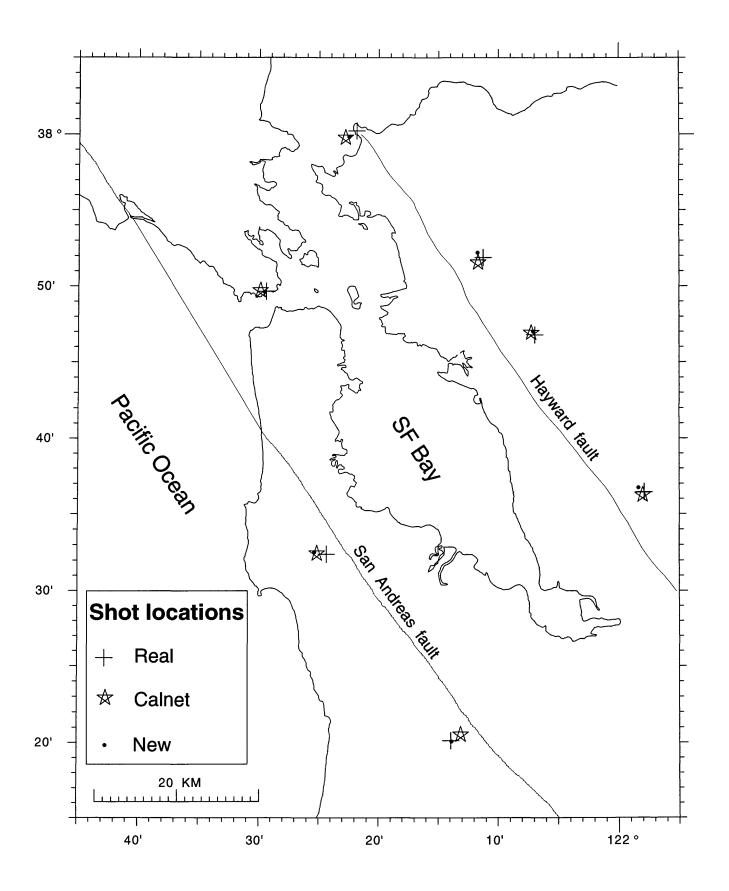


Figure 6. Map showing NCSN, new (this study) and real epicentral locations of shots.

To determine whether any of the events in the vicinity of blast sites were actually unidentified blasts, we followed a set of discrimination criteria similar to that used by NCSN (David Oppenheimer, written communication, 1994): (1) the epicentral location, depth and, in this study, the location errors; (2) the time of day and day of week of the event; and (3) the first-motions at recording stations, because blasts only produce compressional first-motions. only two events that NCSN had failed to identify as blasts and omitted them from our earthquake data set. Finally, we also checked the hypocentral parameters of events in the NCSN catalog in our study area identified as quarry blasts, but located more than 10 km from a known quarry site, to determine whether any of these were obviously true earthquakes that were misidentified and archived. We found only one such event (which had eleven clearly dilatational first motions); it was subsequently included in our earthquake data All three of these previously misidentified events are now also correctly identified and archived in the NCSN catalog.

#### Seismicity of the San Francisco Bay Block

#### Spatial and magnitude distributions

The epicentral locations of 106 well-located M≥1 earthquakes (the present uniform detection threshold) within the San Francisco Bay block (Figure 7) indicate that seismic activity generally falls off with increasing distance from the two major strike-slip faults toward the axis of the bay. Earthquakes are diffusely distributed throughout the Bay block with a concentration of events beneath the San Francisco airport (SFO) and the area east of Oyster Point. the 26-year period of recording, only 19 well-located earthquakes of M≥2.0, and only two with M=3.0 occurred within the Bay block. The two M3.0 events are located just onshore at the southern end of the Bay, one on the west side near Redwood City and one on the east side near the east end of the Dumbarton The persistent cluster of seismic activity beneath SFO Bridge (Figure 7). includes 22 well-located M≥1.0 events within a source region 2 km in diameter, which is approximately the horizontal location error (see following Focal depths for these events range between 8.2-11.5 km, with a paragraph). mean depth of  $10.0 \pm 0.8$  km.

The well-located events events shown in Figure 7 include 106 (60%) of the 178 M≥1 events located by NCSN in the study area (Appendix A-1). identified 51 of the relocated M≥1 events as being poorly located (Appendix A-2), nine as being grossly mislocated or erroneous events (Appendix A-3), and nine as being well-located but processed by machine only, thus possibly not reliable (none of these events are shown in Figure 7). In addition, eleven of the M≥1 events relocated outside the study area, and, as is mentioned above (page 17), two of the NCSN events were blasts, and we identified an additional earthquake that had previously been identified as a blast. The most reliable measure of the true location errors of these events is the location errors for the relocated hypocenter of the single shot within the Bay Block proper, mentioned above (page 15), 0.2 km horizontal error and 0.3 km depth error. However, hypocentral errors vary for each event according to its relative, recording station distribution which is, of course, dependent on the event's magnitude and the operating stations (Klein et al., 1988). Thus, relative location errors for the entire set of events examined in this study can be evaluated using a NCSN standard estimate of the horizontal and depth errors for each event, ERH and ERZ, respectively, calculated by HYPOINVERSE (Klein, 1989). The mean values for ERH and ERZ for the 106 events shown in Figure 7 are 0.4 + -0.2 km and 1.0 + -0.4 km, respectively. These error parameters underestimate absolute errors; both ERH and ERZ are about 0.42 times smaller than the principal axes of the 95% confidence ellipsoid for each hypocenter (Klein, 1989).

Figures 8 and 9 are a series of NW-trending cross-sections and depth histograms, respectively, comparing the depth distribution of Bay block seismicity with the seismicity directly adjacent (<3 km) to the bounding San Andreas and Hayward faults. Focal depths of the well-located events within the Bay block are similar to events along both the San Andreas and Hayward faults and are generally less than 15 km, except for three events located 15-16 km beneath San Francisco (km 9-12 in Figure 8), a 15-km-deep event west of San Leandro (km 31 in Figure 8), and an 18-km-deep event along the Hayward fault segment (km 9 in Figure 8). As the histograms demonstrate, most of the background seismicity in all three areas occurs in the depth range of 7-12 km. The relatively shallow (3-7 km deep) seismicity beneath the Hayward fault is spatially associated with the creeping segment of that fault. Similar

concentrations of shallow seismicity are observed along the creeping segment of the San Andreas fault in central California (e.g. Hill et al., 1990).

The three events located 15-16 km beneath the city of San Francisco (Appendix A-4) are well located. These events have been re-timed and located with at least 18 P-wave and at least 3 S-wave arrival times. Two of the events, including the largest of these events (M2.4), occurred one day apart (June 4 and 5, 1974) at the same location. The third event occurred 10 years later and is located 10 km to the east beneath the waterfront on the eastern side of San Francisco. The fault-plane solution for the M2.4 event suggests a moderately-dipping (31°W) fault plane as the causative structure.

#### Temporal distribution

A temporal plot of the well-located  $M\ge 1.0$  events within the Bay block (Figure 10a) demonstrates that seismicity in the Bay block has occurred persistently throughout the 26-year recording period at an average rate of 4.0 events per year. In addition, the 51 poorly-located  $M\ge 1$  events listed in Appendix A-2 have also occurred uniformly throughout the period (note that these are not shown in Figure 10a, as many of these also have unreliable magnitudes). Thus, the average rate of occurrence of all the  $M\ge 1.0$  events in the study area is 5.9 events per year. However, as the largest of these is only M3.0, the total moment release associated with these events within the Bay block in the past 26 years, using a moment/magnitude relation of Bakun (1984), log Mo = 1.2M + 17, is only 4.05 x  $10^{21}$  dyne-cm, approximately equivalent to one M3.8

Figure 7 (opposite). Map showing relocated M≥1 epicenters (circles) in the San Francisco peninsula (Olson and Zoback, 1992) and San Francisco Bay block areas (this study), and NCSN catalog M≥2 epicenters in the East Bay area during the past 26 years (January 1, 1969 through November 25, 1994). Epicenter circles are scaled linearly, proportional to magnitude  $(1 \le M \le 5.1)$ . All events located with at least 6 arrival times and have RMS travel-time residual ≤0.3 s, estimated horizontal error (ERH) ≤2 km, estimated vertical error ≤4 km and minimum station distance <20 km. Three adjacent polygons show events in cross-sectional views, depth histograms and temporal plots (Figures 8, 9 and 10, respectively); center polygon is study area. Heavy line in bay shows axis of San Bruno shoal (SBS); dashed lines in bay show axes of aeromagnetic anomaly highs; thin lines in bay show bridges. BK, Berkeley; CP, Coyote Pt.; CS, Crystal Springs Reservoir; DB, Dumbarton Bridge; GG, Golden Gate Bridge; HW, Hayward; MP, Menlo Park; OK, Oakland; OP, Oyster Pt.; PS, Pt. San Pedro; RC, Redwood City; SB, San Bruno Mountain; SF, San Francisco; SFO, San Francisco airport; SL, San Leandro; SMB, San Mateo Bridge; WD, Woodside.

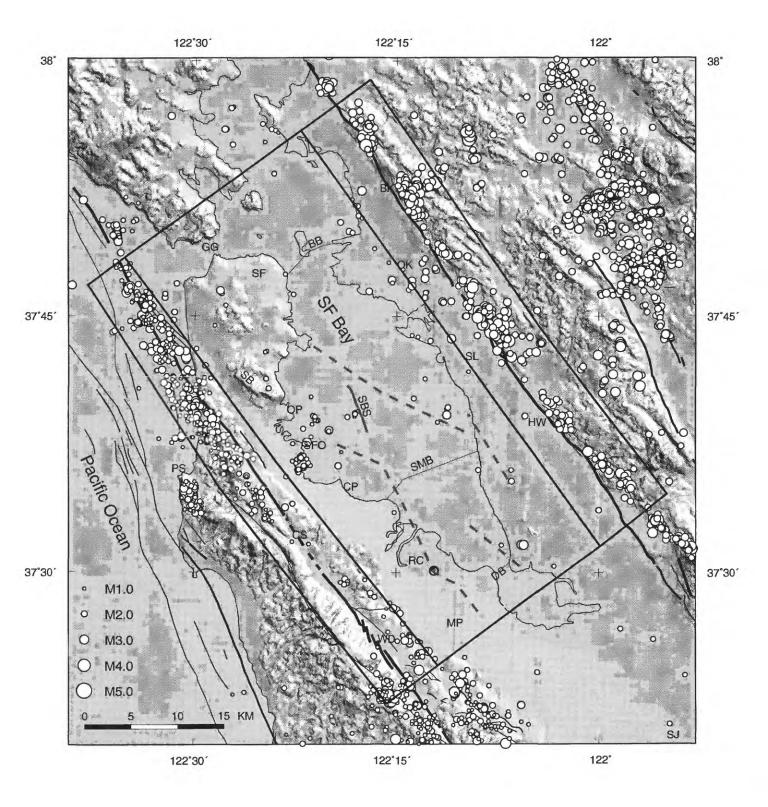


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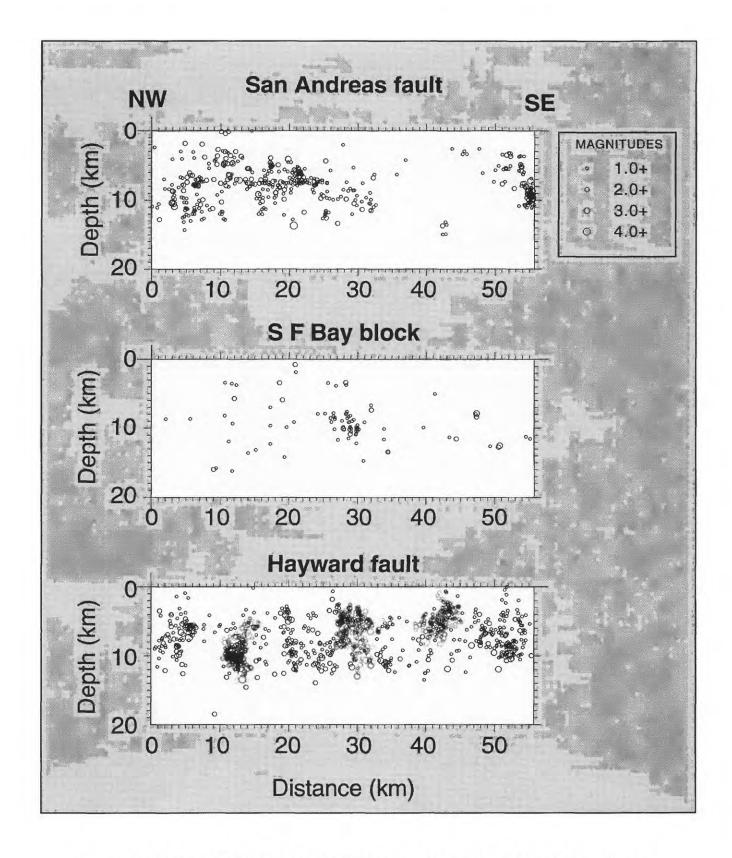
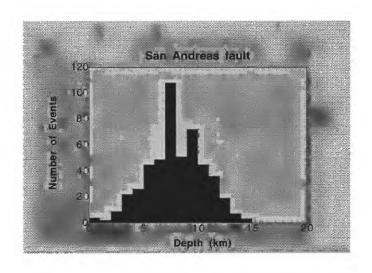
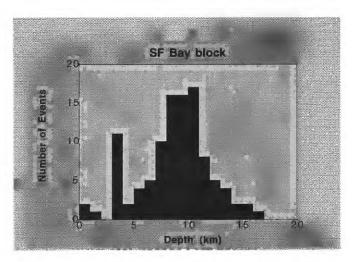


Figure 8. Cross-sectional views of hypocenters of events within three polygons shown in Figure 7. Hypocenters are projected onto a vertical plane beneath NW-SE-trending line in Figure 7 between eastern margin of bay and Hayward fault.





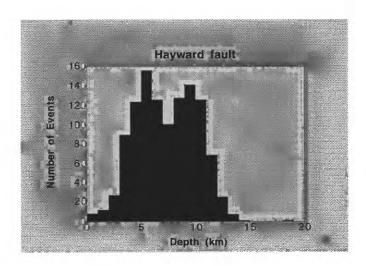


Figure 9. Depth histograms of events within three polygons shown in Figure 7.

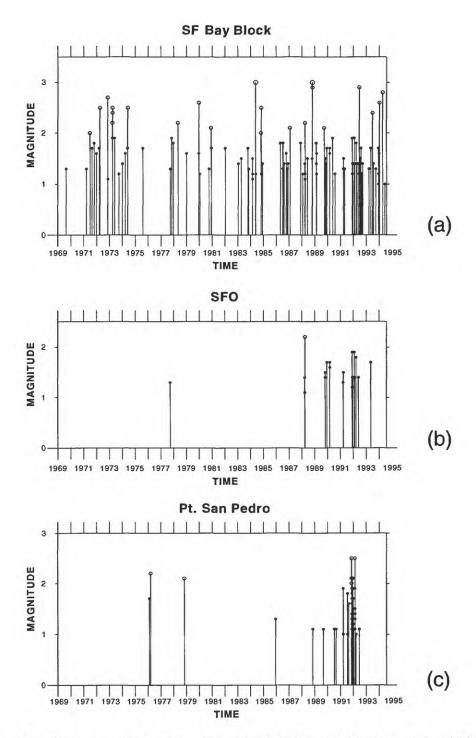


Figure 10. Magnitude vs. time plots for: (a) well-located M≥1 events within San Francisco Bay block (middle polygon in Figure 7), listed in Appendix A-1; (b) M≥1 events in cluster beneath San Francisco airport between 37°N 35'-37' latitude and 122°W 21'-23' longitude, listed in Appendix A-5 (all events in this cluster are well-located), and (c) well-located M≥1 events near Pt. San Pedro between 37°N 33'-36' latitude and 122°W 28'-32' longitude, listed in Appendix A-6.

earthquake. By comparison, the moment release associated with the M1.0-M4.5 events along the adjacent portions of the San Andreas and Hayward faults (within the polygons shown in Figure 7) is  $4.35 \times 10^{22}$  dyne-cm and  $1.07 \times 10^{23}$  dyne-cm, respectively, emphasizing that most of the background seismic moment release as well as the major earthquake moment release is dominated by the two through-going, strike-slip fault systems.

Figure 10b, the magnitude and temporal distributions of the 22 well-located M≥1 events beneath the SFO (Appendix A-5), shows that these tightly clustered events began in September 1977 and have continued as recently as May 1993. The largest of these 22 events was a M2.2 event on April 2, 1988. Interestingly, nearly half of the well-located M≥1 events beneath the SFO cluster occurred within a roughly one-year period between March 24, 1991 and March 21, 1992. During this same time period an earthquake swarm occurred 13 km to the WSW beneath the Pacific coast near Point San Pedro (Figures 10c and 11, and Appendix A-6). This Point San Pedro swarm includes 48 well-located M1.0-M2.5 events between March 24, 1991 and March 18, 1992 (33 of these occurred in November and December 1992), located between 4.7-10.3 km depth. This cluster of seismicity beneath Point San Pedro has also been sporadically active; eight events occurred between February 1976 and August 1990 and one occurred in June 1992, in contrast to the 48 events which occurred during the roughly one year time window beginning on March 24, 1991. Similarly, 23 M≥1.0 events occurred during this one year time interval along the San Andreas fault zone between 2 km and 12 km to the north of these SFO and Point San Pedro events, within a persistently active zone which has produced 176 events during the 25.9-year study period (these events are not included in Figure 10). occurrence of 19% of the events along this portion of the San Andreas fault within this one-year time window represents a seismicity rate about 2.8 times the average rate during the entire study period. This pulse of seismicity between March 1991 and March 1992 appears unrelated to the increase in seismicity following the 1989 M7.1 Loma Prieta earthquake (Reasenberg and Simpson, 1992) (56% of the total events along the northern San Francisco peninsula section of the San Andreas fault occurred in the past 5 years).

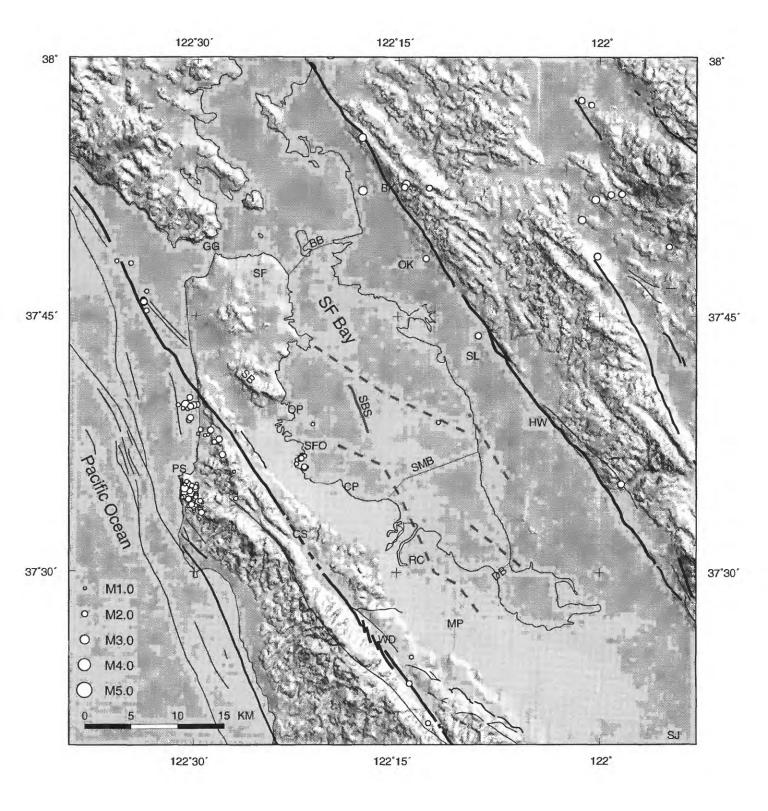


Figure 11. Map showing epicenters of events shown in Figure 7 between March 24, 1991 and March 23, 1992. Heavy line in bay shows axis of San Bruno shoal (SBS); dashed lines in bay show axes of aeromagnetic anomaly highs; thin lines in bay show bridges.

#### Fault-plane solutions

Fault-plane solutions, shown in Figure 12, were calculated for 14 of the 19 well-located M≥2.0 events within the Bay block (three are composite solutions, two of which include two M≥2 events), each of which had at least ten clear first-motion observations. The fault-plane solutions were calculated with a least-squares, grid-search procedure (FPFIT), which minimizes the number of discrepant first-motions (Reasenberg and Oppenheimer, 1985).

Figure 13 shows the individual first-motion distributions for each of the twelve fault-plane solutions in the Bay block shown in Figure 12, as well as alternate fault-plane solutions for three of the events. Table 3 lists the hypocentral and/or nodal plane parameters for all of the fault-plane Note that only five of the fault-plane solutions (#6, #9, #10, #11, and #12) are well constrained by the first-motion data, and all of the other faultplane solutions have one or both nodal planes which are poorly constrained, but the general faulting style indicated by these seven poorly-constrained fault-plane solutions is reliable. Note also that three of the fault-plane solutions are well-constrained composite solutions (see Table 3). Event #6 is a composite of a M3.0 and a M2.5 event which occurred in essentially the same hypocentral area about five months apart, 7.9 km and 8.4 km deep, respectively, with consistent first-motion distributions. Event #9 is a composite of six of the events 9.9 km to 10.8 km beneath SFO with M1.5-2.2; these occurred within a ~five-year period. In this case, the composite was more reliable than the single-event solution for the largest of these events (a M2.2 event in 1988), because the composite includes two events recorded by two critical close-in stations deployed in 1991 at Coyote Point and San Bruno Mountain (JCPM and JSBM, respectively, in Table 1), which better constrain the dip of the NNW-striking nodal plane. The third composite solution, event #10, includes a M2.9 and a M3.0 event, 5.7 km and 5.6 km deep, respectively, occurred only one minute apart, with consistent first-motion Events #11 and #12 have fixed depths because the initial depths were too near a layer boundary in the velocity model causing calculated takeoff angles to be close to horizontal.

In order to use only the most reliable first-motion observations for the faultplane solutions in this study, we restricted the values of three parameters as

Figure 12. Map showing fault-plane solutions of: (1) relocated M≥3 events in San Francisco peninsula area (Olson and Zoback, 1992), (2) relocated M≥2 events in San Francisco Bay block, and (3) NCSN catalog M≥3.5 events in the East Bay area, as well as some fault-plane solutions of a few smaller events, and some epicenters shown in Figure 7. Circle sizes are scaled linearly, proportional to magnitude (fault-plane solution circles are 2.5 times larger than epicenter circles). Heavy line in bay shows axis of San Bruno shoal (SBS); dashed lines in bay show axes of aeromagnetic anomaly highs; thin lines in bay show bridges. Fault-plane solutions in Bay block are numbered, corresponding to numbers in Figure 13 and Table 3.

M4.0 M5.0

15 KM

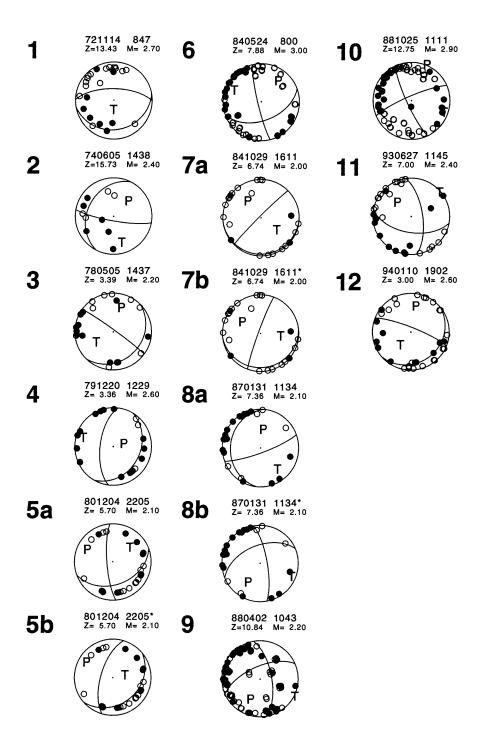


Figure 13. Fault-plane solutions in Bay block shown in Figure 12, with first-motions, and three possible, alternate solutions for events #5, #7 and #8. Solid, open circles, compressional and dilatational first-motions, respectively. P, principal axis of compression; T, principal axis of extension.

Table 3. Fault-plane solution parameters including date; origin time (GMT); location; magnitude; strike, dip rake of each nodal plane; and trend (TRND) and plunge (PLN) of P- and T-axis. Numbers correspond to numbers on map shown in Figure 12 and first-motion plots shown in Figure 13; a,b, alternate fault-plane solutions for same event; C, composite faultplane solution; \*, fixed depth.

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SIS	PLN	。 69	29°	44°	16°	44°	e 2°	21°		49°	49°	35°	15°	10						14°		۷,	52°	
T-AXIS	TRND	-170°	166°	-120°	-75°	48°	77°	-68°		131°	99°	143°	114°	118°						110°		48°	-138°	
IS	PLN	200	47°	36°	71°	23°	18°	33°		41°	39°	51°	38°	38°						0		44°	33°	
P-AXIS	TRND	-3°	41°	15°	73°	-66°	-62°	36°		-42°	-61°	3°	-144°	-151°						20°		-48°	7°	
(E 2	RAKE	95°	-161°	115°	-101°	55°	74°	-140°		87°	153°	-153°	-19°	-28°						10°		-39°	108°	
NODAL PLANE	DIP	62°	31°	.98	62°	77°	64°	85°		86°	11°	25°	52°	63°						80°		e2°	80°	
NODZ	STRK	-90	-153°	-54°	-173°	176°	-164°	166°		-135°	84°	-174°	-112°	-114°						170°		-150°	30°	
距 1	RAKE	80°	-e0°	10°	-70	160	120°	-10°		130°	80°	-10	-140°	-150°						80°		55°	20°	
NODAL PLANE 1	DIP	25°	80°	25°	30°	40°	30°	50°		2°	85°	80。	75°	65°						80°		52°	20°	
NODA	STRK	80°	100。	45°	30°	70°	50°	70°		82°	-160°	70°	-10°							154°		100°	50°	
DUR	MAG	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.1	2.1	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.9	3.0	2.4	2.6	
DEPTH	KM	13.43	15.73	3.39	3.36	5.70	5.70	7.88	8.39	6.74	6.74	7.36	7.36	10.84	10.84	10.37	98.6	9.94	9.87	12.75	12.54	7.00	3.00	
W LONGITUDE	MIN	11.25	28.09	17.06	20.02	18.57	18.57	12.17	12.19	27.77	27.77	19.34	19.34	22.37	21.57	22.28	21.89	22.11	21.89	5.73	5.55	31.83	13.82	
W LONG	DEG	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	122°	
N LATITUDE	MIN	39.23	46.18	46.45	38.31	49.99	49.99	30.11	30.08	55.97	55.97	36.21	36.21	36.51	36.39	36.00	36.19	36.68	36.21	31.64	31.63	56.77	46.82	
N LA	DEG	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	37°	
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follows: (1) highest precision P-wave arrival-time weights (NCSN weights 0 and 1 out of possible weights 0-4), (2) P-wave travel-time residual (<0.5 s), and (3) the epicentral distance (<70 km). This distance restriction was used because of the large number of observed first-motion discrepancies at epicentral distances beyond 70 km, which apparantly result from lateral refraction along the San Andreas and Calaveras faults zones, both of which have documented, large velocity contrasts across them along some sections (e.g. Uhrhammer, 1981; Catchings and Kohler, 1993). In addition, we corrected some firstmotions for stations that had electronic polarity reversals. One of the polarity reversals had previously been identified by NCSN (David Oppenheimer, written communication, 1994), and some we detected by tabulating recorded quarry blast first-motions (these should always be compressional). station as having a reversed polarity if five consecutive, clearly dilatational (0 weight) first-motions were recorded. We lack polarity information for stations and/or periods without clearly recorded first-motion observations for quarry Table 1 includes the polarity reversal history we used to make these blasts. corrections.

Four of the fault-plane solutions shown in Figure 12 show predominantly strike-slip motion. These include the three composite solutions and an event near Oyster Point (#8). All four strike-slip events occur in the southern part of the Bay block and have NNW- and ENE-trending nodal planes. Five of the fault-plane solutions have predominantly dip-slip faulting, three with reverse components (#3, #5 and #12) and two with normal components (#2 and #11). In addition, three of the fault-plane solutions show pure dip slip, one corresponding to reverse/thrust faulting (#1), one to normal faulting (#4) and one to pure vertical or horizontal slip (#7).

Despite the complexity of faulting patterns, the fault-plane solutions indicate a rather consistent variation in deformation style between the northern and southern parts of the Bay block. In the south Bay, all five of the solutions have NE-trending P- or B-axes, whereas six of the seven events in the northern part of the block have NNW- to NW-trending P-axes. This along-axes variation is similar to a contrast in deformation style observed in seismicity adjacent to the San Andreas fault on the peninsula (Olson and Zoback, 1992; Zoback and Olson, 1993). Events adjacent to the San Andreas fault from Daly

City north show a maximim horizontal stress (P- or B-axes) subparallel to the San Andreas fault, whereas events south of Woodside (note on Figure 7 that the San Andreas fault between Crystal Springs Reservoir and Woodside is quiescent) indicate primarily thrust-deformation dominated by maximum horizontal compression (P-axes) oriented nearly perpendicular to the San Andreas fault (see Figure 12).

The variation in fault-plane solutions along the San Andreas fault appears related to changes in strike of the fault zone through the peninsula. On the southern peninsula, fault-plane solutions indicate that NE fault-normal compression is most pronounced along a west "bend" in the San Andreas fault, whereas, along the northern peninsula and offshore portion of the San Andreas fault, fault-plane solutions indicate predominantly normal faulting with B-axes subparallel to the San Andreas fault, apparently associated with a ~2-km-wide right step in the fault trace. It is unclear why deformation within the Bay block should show a similar pattern. This variation may represent a broader regional pattern in the stress field with predominant NE-SW directed compression between 37°N-37°N30' latitude and predominant NE-SW- to ENE-WSW-directed extension between roughly 37°N30'-38°N latitude. Such a broad regional pattern and the correlation of deformation style with topography, particularly the correlation of extensional areas with low topographic relief including the track of the Sacramento River, was noted by Simpson et al., (1994), and may reflect broad-scale lithospheric cooling and re-equilibration in response to the passing of the triple junction.

#### Discussion

#### Possible active faults within the San Francisco Bay block

Clearly, any deformation of the Bay block is coupled in some way to the regional deformation concentrated along the major, bounding strike-slip faults. Slip along these strike-slip faults could cause internal shear strain within the block and also, possibly, rotation of the block. However, neither the present microseismicity, the high-resolution seismic-reflection profiles within the Bay, nor onshore geologic mapping have provided definitive evidence for active (Holocene) faulting within the block, except for small thrust faults subparallel to the major strike-slip faults (Hart et al., 1981; Page,

1992). The diffuse nature and small magnitudes ( $M \le 3$ ) of the earthquakes within the San Francisco Bay block in the past 26 years, and lack of any obviously aligned fault planes with a consistent sense of slip, suggests that this seismicity is characterized by background volumetric strain release rather than faulting on structures with significant dimensions.

While the microearthquakes within the Bay block demonstrate a potential for brittle failure at depths which commonly correspond to nucleation zones of moderate-to-large earthquakes along the San Andreas fault system, the  $M \le 3$ events do not imply the existence of active faults with dimensions sufficient to However, the lack of seismicity produce moderate-to-large earthquakes. defining specific fault structures within the Bay block during this relatively short, 26-year study period does not preclude the existence of such fault zones. If large active faults exist in the Bay block they are presently seismically recent examples emphasize that quiescent. Several moderate-to-large ruptures on buried faults with no surface expression can occur in areas which have been virtually seismically quiescent for at least the preceding decade, including the 1983 Coalinga M6.7 (e.g. Eaton and Rymer, 1990) and the 1989 Loma Prieta M7.1 (e.g. Olson and Hill, 1993) ruptures.

Few of the hypocenters or fault-plane solutions appear to be related to the basement transbay fault zones delineated bу prominent aeromagnetic anomalies as suggested by Brabb and Hanna (1981). However, the attitude of such structures at depth is currently undefined. **Preliminary** modeling by Bob Jachens (written communication, 1994) of the main transbay aeromagnetic high suggests that the source of these linear magnetic highs within the Bay block may be a steep-sided, narrow (3- to 4-km-wide zone of magnetic material in the upper 5 km of the basement. Such a body may represent magnetic material (possibly serpentinites) intruded along an old, subvertical shear zone in the basement. While a small number of epicenters are located within 1 km of an axis of one of the linear aeromagnetic anomalies shown on Figure 7, only three of these were large enough to constrain a fault-Only two of these fault-plane solutions (#6, N of Menlo Park plane solution. and #1, W of Hayward) have a nodal plane consistent in strike to the axis of a linear anomaly. In constrast, the other fault-plane solution (#4, NE of SFO) has

nodal planes nearly normal to the axis of the nearby linear aeromagnetic anomaly.

Gravity and seismic-reflection data suggest an additional possible fault-related structure within San Francisco Bay that has probably not been active during the Holocene. As shown in Figure 3, a prominent N30°-35°W-trending elliptical gravity low (maximum anomaly ~ -16mgals) in the east central Bay lies just offshore from San Leandro. Shallow seismic-reflection profiles over this gravity low have revealed a marked unconformity, in which flat-lying, young bay mud sediments truncate steeply east-dipping sediments, possibly part of a buried basin (Marlow et al., 1994). Age of these deformed sediments and the related basin is currently unknown; but the deformation event must be older than 600,000 years based on a maximum thickness of overlying flatlying bay mud sediments of 300 m (Marlow et al., 1994). Six of the well-located M≥1.0 hypocenters in the study area occur directly beneath this anomaly area, but as these are 10-15 km deep they are probably unrelated to dipping faults bounding this basin.

Our study also identified three 15- to 16-km-deep events beneath San The fault-plane solution of the largest event is poorly constrained but has one moderate-dipping (31°W) nodal plane. These 15 to 16 km-deep events beneath San Francisco may be associated with the subhorizontal lower crustal layer at about 16-17 km depth inferred from wideangle reflections observed on a seismic-reflection profile across the Golden Gate channel (Brocher et al., 1994). Near vertical incidence reflection data from the north arm of the Bay (San Pablo Bay) delineate a similar layer at a similar depth with complex internal structure extending into the Moho. Unfortunately, seismic coverage is insufficient to determine if this layer is laterally continuous beneath the Bay, whether it is pervasive throughout the Bay block, or, most importantly, if it even extends across the major strike-slip Page and Brocher (1992) and Furlong et al. (1989) have suggested this regionally extensive lower crustal layer may represent either a thickened slab of oceanic crust or the top of a magmatically underplated layer and may be acting as an active detachment layer, coupling deformation on the San Francisco peninsula and the East Bay.

#### Seismic and potential aseismic deformation of the San Francisco Bay block

Another potential deformation mechanism within the San Francisco Bay block may be related to secondary or "aseismic" slip incuded by large earthquakes on the San Andreas and Hayward faults. This area is the only place on the San Andreas fault where slip is approximately equally partitioned between two closely-spaced, subparallel, major strike-slip faults. Old faults under San Francisco Bay, such as the postulated faults corresponding to the aeromagnetic anomalies, could possibly slip as secondary structures after large earthquakes on the San Andreas and Hayward faults. Much of the ground deformation associated with the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in Northern California and the 1992 Landers and 1994 Northridge earthquakes in Southern California resulted from sympthetic slip on secondary structures not directly connected with the main earthquake rupture itself.

To explore the possibility of such deformation on structures under San Francisco Bay, R.W. Simpson (R.W. Simpson, written communication, 1994; Olson et al., 1994) modeled a basement fault defined by a prominent, NW-trending aeromagnetic anomaly high trend extending across the bay (see Figure 2). The model consisted of a 4-km-deep crack in an elastic half-space that is free to slip in response to applied stress changes. The stress changes applied to one 4-km-long patch near the center of this fault were calculated for historic earthquakes with M≥6.8 that occurred along the adjacent sections of the San Andreas and Hayward fault zones in 1836, 1838, 1868, 1906, and 1989.

Stress changes as large as 5 bars occurred on this particular fault patch. This stress change is comparable to or larger than the stress perturbations experienced by secondary structures in Loma Prieta, Landers, and Northridge earthquakes. In principle, offsets as large as 20 cm are possible if the modeled fault segment is free to slip to a depth of 4 km.

#### **Conclusions**

- Earthquakes within the San Francisco Bay block are too few, too small (M≤3.0) and too diffusely located to delineate potentially hazardous faults within the block. These M≤3 events correspond to a negligible amount of moment release (approximately equivalent to one M3.8 earthquake), and thus do not provide any evidence for active faults within the block with dimensions sufficient to produce moderate-to-large earthquakes.
- Bay block seismicity shows no clear association with the previously postulated transbay fault zones coinciding with prominent, large-scale linear N30°-60°W-trending aeromagnetic anomalies (Brabb and Hanna, 1981).
- If any extensive active faults exist within the San Francisco Bay block, they are presently seismically quiescent Furthermore, low geodetic shear strain rates (<3 mm/yr) for the Bay block (Lisowski et al., 1991) indicate that any extensive active faults within the block must have long (thousands of years) recurrence intervals.

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#### Appendix A: Catalog of Hypocenters

The following catalog of hypocenters within the San Francisco Bay block includes three selected subsets of our relocated hypocenters for the period January 1, 1969 through November 25, 1994 corresponding to well-located events (Appenidix A-1), poorly-located events (Appendix A-2) and grossly mislocated or erroneous events (Appendix A-3). In addition, Appendices A-4 and A-5 include all hypocenters from Appendices A-1 and A-2 for the three 15 km deep events beneath San Francisco and the 24 events beneath SFO, respectively. In addition, Appendix A-6 includes the 57 well-located, M≥1 events beneath Point San Pedro Column headings correspond to calculated origin during the same time period. time (GMT) - year, month, day, hour-minute, seconds; latitude and longitude, depth, duration magnitude, total number of arrival times (P-wave and S-wave) used in location (N RD), number of S-wave arrival times used in location (N S); RMS travel-time residual in seconds; estimated horizontal and vertical error in km (ERH and ERZ, respectively); azimuthal gap in distribution of recording stations (AZ GAP); and minimum epicentral distance to recording station in km (MIN DS).

**Appendix A-1.** Well-located events within the San Francisco Bay block (within 7-sided polygon with latitude, longitude coordinates: (1) 38°N, 122°W 35'; (2) 38°N, 122°W 26'; (3) 37°N, 32.2', 122°W; (4) 37°N 25.06', 122°W; (5) 37°N 25.06', 122°W 12'; (6) 37°N 36.5', 122°W 24'; (7) 37°N 50', 122°W 35'). Selection parameters include N RD ≥6, RMS ≤0.30 s, ERH ≤2.0 km, ERZ ≤4.0 km and MIN DS ≤20 km. In addition, 11 events were excluded because they had no (or in two cases only one) arrivaltimes picked by human readers, and sometimes these machine-picked events are not reliable.

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92 APR 17 2 92 MAY 29 1 92 JUN 7 92 JUN 19 1 92 JUL 16	1358 30.74 746 37.97	37 36.60 37 40.28 37 37.59	122 21.67 122 21.35 122 21.66	8.79 7.92 10.07	1.4 1.2 2.9	22 29 9 1	.07 .06 .07 .04	.3	1.2 .9 .5 1.4	77 48 90 92 72	7 6 4 7 9
92 AUG 25 92 SEP 21 1			122 28.53 122 22.71				.07	.4		154 66	6 6

			TIME HRMN	•		AT N G MIN			DEPTH KM	DUR MAG				ERH KM	ERZ KM	AZ GAP	
93	MAY	11	1559	1.56	37	43.80 36.21 56.76	122	21.89	9.87	1.7	32	1	.07	.3 .2 .2	.5		7 4 6
93 93 93	JUL SEP DEC DEC DEC	28 14 14	623 841	3.95 10.80 15.01	37 37 37	41.35 51.53 39.12 39.42 39.33	122 122 122	18.16 18.12 17.89	4.66 8.36 7.62	1.3 1.0 1.2	18 18 14	2 1 2	.05 .07 .06	.2	.7 .7 1.0 1.1	87 59 60 82 32	11 8 7 8 8
94 94 94	JAN APR JUN	10 12 12	1902 1239 731	37.45 22.35 47.11	37 37 37	39.27 46.77 43.70 37.02 37.91	122 122 122	13.87 10.93 19.10	8.56 0.76 11.25 9.13 8.94	2.6 2.8 1.0	60 18 28	3	.08 .08 .06 .05	.1		46 29 78 49 79	5 18 3
	OCT NOV					37.51 35.98		21.82 8.92	9.81 5.06					.4	.9 .5	76 42	7 7

**Appendix A-2.** Poorly-located events within the San Francisco Bay block. Selection parameters include N RD  $\geq$ 4, RMS  $\leq$ 0.50 s, ERH  $\leq$ 10.0 km, ERZ  $\leq$ 20.0 km and MIN DS  $\leq$ 30 km; well-located events in Appendix A-1 excluded.

--ORIGIN TIME (UT)-- -LAT N-- --LON W-- DEPTH DUR N N RMS ERH ERZ AZ MIN YR MON DA HRMN SEC DEG MIN DEG MIN KM MAG RD S SEC KM KM GAP DS 69 JUN 19 2308 23.52 37 58.92 122 27.66 0.08 2.1 13 .31 2.115.1 201 21 6.86 37 37.54 122 21.60 10.22 1.3 9 .08 .5 .6 121 69 AUG 19 1118 1.83 1.5 5 3.20 1.7 6 69 DEC 23 104 44.62 37 40.87 122 25.65 .07 .6 9.2 182 12 70 JAN 27 6 44.05 37 40.75 122 26.41 .06 1.0 7.3 190 12 70 APR 18 2119 48.29 37 44.67 122 29.44 7.10 1.9 5 .09 2.3 8.1 220 14 70 APR 24 6 34.20 37 55.91 122 25.13 0.07 1.3 .08 6.7 9.4 302 935 54.62 37 33.35 122 13.86 14.66 .9 5 70 JUL 10 .04 1.1 2.3 193 12 71 MAR 17 315 38.83 37 33.53 122 15.16 9.90 1.3 8 .4 1.7 .03 91 14 51 71 JUN 29 1145 25.39 37 35.34 122 6.44 11.53 2.0 21 .09 .3 .8 717 45.77 37 40.78 122 24.52 71 AUG 23 9.11 1.7 12 .08 .5 1.6 147 0.71 1.9 10 .12 7 1150 29.86 37 40.42 122 22.77 .613.2 172 71 OCT 71 OCT 25 2150 38.06 37 55.07 122 27.25 .6 1.6 105 7 6.74 1.8 8 .11 0.02 1.7 8 71 OCT 26 44 1.60 37 40.86 122 25.66 .08 .4 9.3 97 71 DEC 27 1441 43.86 37 41.35 122 24.73 9.86 1.6 7 .05 1.0 2.3 132 8 72 FEB 12 254 1.45 37 46.64 122 13.60 0.48 2.1 10 .14 .513.9 4 72 MAR 18 700 15.40 37 50.92 122 17.86 11.90 1.7 11 .03 .3 1.0 83 12

ORIGIN YR MON DA			LON W DEG MIN	DEPTH KM		N N RD S				AZ MIN GAP DS
72 NOV 14	847 22.6 1638 23.6	6 37 39.23 6 37 39.58	122 15.36 122 11.25 122 11.29 122 30.98	13.43 10.11	2.7 1.1	28 12 1	.08	.3	.8 1.6	67 7 64 13 138 14 219 14
74 JAN 7 74 MAR 12 74 MAR 29 74 JUN 4 74 JUN 5	713 30.1 202 12.6 622 44.3	1 37 38.57 4 37 53.39 9 37 46.33	3 122 17.59 7 122 21.04 9 122 24.18 122 28.02 122 28.14	6.86 8.67 15.81	.7 1.6 1.7	10 12 12	.09 .06 .10 .08	.8 .4 .4	1.5 2.9 1.0 .6	
77 SEP 25 77 NOV 6 77 DEC 22	245 51.5 1422 39.6 259 1.4	3 37 36.48 3 37 50.53 7 37 43.57	122 18.65 122 22.73 122 19.21 122 12.49 122 17.06	11.46 8.22 3.81	1.3 1.9 1.8	14 38 15	.07 .05 .09 .08	.6 .2 .3	1.3 1.5 .9 1.2	83 12 64 4 38 10 63 7 47 10
	1645 2.3 1613 20.9 1639 28.3	2 37 43.14 8 37 43.18 6 37 43.22	122 25.04 122 23.02 122 22.45 122 22.33 122 20.87	0.05 1.12 4.99	1.5 1.6 1.7	9 9 4	.05 .04 .05 .02	.4 .6 1.4	8.4	92 9 95 12 141 12 212 12 164 10
80 JAN 22 80 FEB 9 80 MAR 28	252 58.3 52 44.9 1829 6.3	7 37 38.87 7 37 59.20 5 37 43.09	122 20.02 122 20.93 122 27.54 122 22.41 122 27.21	8.71 0.04 1.79	1.2 2.0 1.5	12 22 5	.14 .03 .17 .02	.4 .51 .8	1.6 1.7 8.4	141 10 84 9 135 14 143 13 136 13
80 JUL 17 80 OCT 4 80 DEC 4	1636 40.3 623 39.9 2205 53.0	8 37 43.18 8 37 43.88 9 37 49.99	122 22.47 122 22.27 122 13.85 122 18.57 122 18.31	0.03 7.88 5.70	1.8 1.3 2.1	14 16 2 44	.02 .07 .06 .12	.3 .2 .2	8.9 1.1 .4	174 13 88 12 66 7 53 11 111 11
81 MAY 12 81 MAY 22 81 JUN 10	1907 6.3 2314 1.1 1928 0.3	3 37 36.09 5 37 32.91	122 15.57	0.04 0.00 10.97	1.0 1.2 1.3	9 10 7	.15 .13 .14	.71 .7	.4 2.0	160 0 151 16
82 JUN 18	1844 25.4 1927 8.5 2204 25.6	4 37 53.40 1 37 43.15 3 37 31.11	122 24.38 122 27.65 122 21.62 122 6.81 122 21.99	19.19 0.16 6.82	1.5 1.8 1.1	4	.09		3.0 9.4	79 14 122 10 42 13 304 19 109 5
83 JAN 10	1630 5.8	3 37 39.56	122 26.09	6.07	1.5	13 3	.31	1.0	2.9	100 4

			-LAT N DEG MIN			DEPTH KM					ERH KM		AZ I GAP	
83 JAN 2 83 APR 1	27 1254 2 120	52.69 19.81	37 57.29 37 34.78 37 38.26 37 44.00	122 122	21.56 20.04	4.87 3.72	1.2 1.5	4	2	.00	2.7	1.0 1.0	243 110	5
83 OCT 2	327 6 1136 24 59	11.41 33.06 39.45	37 43.05 37 38.40 37 42.95 37 55.91 37 55.78	122 122 122	21.94 24.70 24.07	7.83 9.63 8.40	1.7 1.3 1.5	26 12 25	1		.4 .3 .5	1.0 1.5 1.5 1.1	57 79 114 64 84	8
84 MAY 1 84 MAY 2	20 2358 8 1620 24 800	45.21 25.93 54.39	37 55.23 37 32.43 37 33.44 37 30.11 37 42.91	122 122 122	7.22 6.69 12.17	10.45 6.96 0.53 7.88 7.00	.8 1.0 3.0	4 4 65	1	.06 .17 .09	4.01	6.9 L6.0 .7	280 239 40	2 11
84 NOV	23 1655 29 1611 1 1014	16.63 39.60 37.92	37 31.08 37 43.08 37 55.97 37 30.09 37 30.15	122 122 122	25.83 27.77 12.19	0.02 0.01 6.74 8.39 7.96	1.8 2.0 2.5	5 38 59		.16	1.31	L3.5 .8		9 8 11
84 DEC 1 85 JUL 85 JUL	1 1731 6 1134 9 206	11.48 11.00 3.57	37 47.46 37 43.29 37 49.82 37 38.60 37 42.79	122 122 122	27.51 21.22 21.41	18.53 1.38	1.8 .8 .9	6 4		.06 .06	.5 1.4 1.4 .4 1.5	1.1 9.0 1.3	162	8 8 7 9 12
86 JUL 86 JUL 86 JUL 1	9 912 7 126	43.27 52.75 52.89	37 46.91 37 48.98 37 39.67 37 39.14 37 30.38	122 122 122	16.66 11.16 21.18	13.14 11.61 8.53	1.3 1.8 1.8	9 42 26		.27 .02 .06 .05	.6 .2 .2	.8	141 62 108	13
86 OCT 1 86 NOV 1 86 NOV 1	.2 445 .2 428 .3 646	56.69 46.00 52.58	37 27.27 37 40.20 37 51.64 37 46.23 37 32.58	122 122 122	13.70 34.23 30.47	4.76	1.6 1.3 1.8	16 9		.04	.3 .8 .9	.9 .5 .5	123 101 155 240 103	16 7 22
86 DEC 86 DEC 87 JAN	2 722 2 2144 5 716	6.51 46.19 45.43	37 36.33 37 46.15 37 45.63 37 44.66 37 36.21	122 122 122	28.79 27.73 30.05	10.55 5.61 3.42 0.03 7.36	1.8 1.4 1.4	12 6 14	2	.14 .05 .06	3.0 1.4	2.9 .9 8.1	204 252	3 4 12
87 FEB 1	.0 1736	18.27	37 43.06	122	22.55	4.94	.7	4		.03	1.5	8.4	210	12

--ORIGIN TIME (GMT)- -LAT N-- --LON W-- DEPTH DUR N N RMS ERH ERZ AZ MIN YR MON DA HRMN SEC DEG MIN DEG MIN KM MAG RD S SEC KM KM GAP DS 87 JUN 10 1706 18.48 37 43.14 122 22.48 0.11 1.7 8 .23 .718.4 148 12 1.56 2.3 5 87 AUG 28 1806 13.88 37 55.61 122 28.11 .14 2.813.7 240 11 249 45.32 37 39.38 122 14.35 13.69 1.9 4 .00 1.1 5.0 150 15 87 NOV 7 1845 25.23 37 32.70 122 12.90 6.60 1.3 4 .00 1.0 6.9 154 18 87 NOV 28 1343 28.58 37 57.23 122 27.36 8.32 1.8 11 .08 .4 1.2 9 1909 57.97 37 41.66 122 27.44 16.96 1.4 6 .01 1.5 .5 237 11 87 DEC 88 JAN 29 500 44.20 37 48.17 122 15.59 12.27 1.2 13 .07 .4 1.4 68 88 MAR 25 205 49.34 37 36.59 122 22.09 10.06 1.4 8 .04 .6 1.8 134 .5 1.3 1 1922 46.10 37 36.62 122 21.91 8.98 1.1 8 .03 631 3.41 37 38.90 122 21.08 8.30 1.2 34 .08 88 APR 2 .3 1.2 63 2 1043 0.40 37 36.51 122 22.37 10.84 2.2 59 .2 . 5 47 88 APR .08 88 APR 12 1724 50.61 37 41.66 122 22.11 2.80 1.8 6 .08 .8 3.8 117 11 .4 1.8 106 10 .05 NUL 88 7 1526 23.45 37 39.11 122 21.07 9.10 1.5 10 88 OCT 18 438 43.60 37 35.98 122 6.48 11.28 1.5 35 .07 .2 .6 33 88 OCT 25 1111 54.84 37 31.64 122 5.73 12.75 2.9 65 3 .08 . 1 88 OCT 25 1112 46.94 37 31.63 122 5.55 12.54 3.0 70 3 .09 .1 88 NOV 10 1811 17.41 37 43.51 122 24.33 0.03 1.6 7 .08 .6 9.1 133 10 88 NOV 15 1754 28.25 37 28.12 122 10.61 11.13 2.9 5 .8 150 .09 . 7 2.41 1.6 7 .29 1.8 6.2 114 88 NOV 16 1727 47.24 37 40.92 122 23.57 89 FEB 13 625 25.44 37 50.65 122 34.38 3.66 1.8 22 1 .17 .6 .9 154 89 FEB 14 1024 12.84 37 50.55 122 34.56 3.14 1.4 9 .16 1.0 1.9 162 89 FEB 16 1614 2.26 37 50.24 122 34.06 1.70 .9 4 .12 1.210.8 188 89 FEB 19 1455 16.57 37 49.99 122 34.65 3.32 1.2 13 2 .16 .9 1.1 195 10 89 FEB 21 1713 56.28 37 51.55 122 34.24 2.49 1.4 5 .15 1.111.0 183 89 FEB 21 1724 46.06 37 46.55 122 14.12 1.85 1.6 13 2 .04 .4 1.4 108 .01 2.5 6.9 274 89 JUN 24 935 53.76 37 25.82 122 7.17 1.79 1.1 4 6 .07 89 SEP 28 2046 40.63 37 55.97 122 27.84 5.65 2.1 25 .2 . 4 82 12 89 OCT 25 1708 33.47 37 36.23 122 21.41 10.19 1.4 22 .04 .3 1.0 71 11 89 OCT 28 1346 25.51 37 36.39 122 21.57 10.79 1.5 30 .07 . 2 . 7 59 89 NOV 13 2058 45.04 37 26.12 122 9.87 8.94 .8 7 .10 1.6 3.2 166 13 522 55.57 37 31.61 122 7.20 12.62 1.4 14 89 NOV 15 .04 .3 1.2 79 89 DEC 12 1029 17.13 37 35.84 122 22.28 10.39 1.7 20 .04 .3 .9 68 .04 .3 1.0 90 MAR 5 1751 28.68 37 35.98 122 22.36 10.91 1.7 12 5 1855 39.28 37 36.00 122 22.28 10.37 1.6 23 .3 .06 . 8 90 JUL 12 837 2.56 37 44.33 122 28.69 7.18 12 .08 1.0 2.1 185 723 15.87 37 41.78 122 6.68 1.2 16 90 JUL 29 9.66 .05 .3 1.5 104 10 3 1915 55.12 37 58.30 122 27.63 2.13 1.3 5 .03 .7 8.1 133 13 1.12 1.5 8 91 MAR 17 235 28.85 37 47.75 122 14.63 .08 .4 9.0 88 6 4.62 37 36.87 122 22.07 9.17 1.3 9 91 MAR 24 43 .03 .5 1.4 96 6 91 MAR 26 837 8.01 37 47.72 122 14.59 0.62 1.1 10 .08 .4 9.5 65 6

ORIGIN TIME YR MON DA HRMN		AT NI G MIN DEC		DEPTH KM		N N RD S				AZ M GAP	
91 APR 30 1659	3.06 37 30.68 37	36.79 122 38.80 122 47.59 122 42.60 122	11.94	13.44 1.17	1.3			.5 1.01	10.8		6 14 9 10
91 DEC 3 1137 91 DEC 7 1127	51.95 37 59.27 37 30.94 37	38.67 122 36.10 122 36.18 122 36.36 122 36.59 122	21.91 21.73 22.48	9.57 9.96 10.53	1.9 1.2 1.4	11 2 17 1 29 1	.04		1.1 1.0 .7 .6	82 71 78 56 57	5 5 4 5 5
	45.55 37 25.40 37 33.41 37	36.19 122 36.81 122 36.35 122	21.89 21.87 21.88	9.86	1.9	52 3 40 2 7	.08 .08 .02	.2 .2 .2 .8	.5 .4 .4 1.7	48 59 68 137 70	4 4 5 5 5
92 MAY 29 1358	9.49 37 30.74 37 37.97 37	46.96 122 36.60 122 40.28 122	15.33 21.67 21.35	14.20 8.79 7.92	1.4 1.4 1.2	15 22 29	.07 .06 .07	.3 .3	.5 1.2 .9 .5	54 77 48 90 92	5 7 6 4 7
92 AUG 25 628 92 SEP 21 1156 93 MAR 19 1519	10.73 37 20.13 37 33.92 37	46.27 122 44.44 122 37.51 122 43.80 122 46.77 122	28.53 22.71 13.43	9.32 11.68	1.2 1.4 1.3	15 24 1 24 2	.06 .07 .07 .11	.4 .3 .3	1.0 .6 .6 .9 8.2	98 154 66 78 93	9 6 6 7 7
	0.08 37 50.08 37 57.83 37	36.21 122 56.76 122 41.35 122 45.90 122 51.53 122	31.80 12.89 18.53	6.19 12.19 14.08	2.4 1.4 1.2	52 1 36 3 5	.08 .07 .22	.2 .2 .2 5.3	.5 .6 .7 9.4	48 65 87 265 59	4 6 11 15 8
93 DEC 14 841 93 DEC 14 1902 93 DEC 16 206	10.80 37 15.01 37 7.11 37	37.02 122 39.12 122 39.42 122 39.33 122 39.27 122	18.12 17.89 18.08	8.36 7.62	1.0 1.2 1.7	14 2 36 3	.06 .09	.3	1.1 1.0 1.1 .7	98 60 82 32 46	3 7 8 8
94 JAN 10 1902 94 MAR 31 2224 94 APR 12 1239 94 MAY 27 1835 94 JUN 12 731	39.82 37 22.35 37 31.92 37	31.77 122 43.70 122	1.19 10.93 26.45	11.63	.9 2.8 1.3	4 18 4	.04	.3	3.8 1.5 8.6	29 291 78 197 49	
94 JUN 20 1718	18.13 37	59.48 122	26.31	1.22	1.2	4	.07	1.0	9.2	198	5

--ORIGIN TIME (GMT) - -LAT N-- --LON W-- DEPTH DUR N N RMS ERH ERZ AZ MIN YR MON DA HRMN SEC DEG MIN DEG MIN KM MAG RD S SEC KM KM GAP DS 94 AUG 26 1842 38.18 37 59.47 122 27.20 0.00 1.0 5 .07 .6 4.1 148 6

**Appendix A-3.** Grossly mislocated or erroneous events within the San Francisco Bay block. These events to not meet the selection criteria for events in Appendix A-2.

--ORIGIN TIME (UT) -- -LAT N-- --LON W-- DEPTH DUR N N RMS ERH ERZ AZ MIN YR MON DA HRMN SEC DEG MIN DEG MIN KM MAG RD S SEC KM KM GAP DS 69 APR 2 205 25.40 37 43.53 122 28.00 0.15 2.0 5 .1711.914.3 312 17 0.40 1.8 7 78 NOV 8 2343 56.22 37 41.21 122 19.18 .41 1.632.6 126 14 32 54.93 37 58.98 122 27.01 80 APR 26 0.04 2.1 18 .55 1.338.3 86 14 0.03 1.3 5 .27 2.520.8 151 83 SEP 20 1845 2.87 37 43.25 122 26.14 87 NOV 10 1500 52.75 37 44.26 122 16.28 0.65 1.5 4 .29 2.121.8 186 19 88 AUG 10 1634 47.58 37 39.70 122 21.21 0.08 1.7 6 .29 1.322.5 119 10 88 SEP 21 1637 18.29 37 42.34 122 22.31 0.07 1.6 8 .38 1.228.3 90 12 92 DEC 27 1341 59.02 37 32.68 122 19.18 14.74 2.5 7 .04 2.8 .6 290 33 1.32 1.7 4 93 OCT 20 1858 34.66 37 26.53 122 2.24 .1614.313.9 345 13

Appendix A-4. Fifteen-km-deep events beneath San Francisco. These events were re-timed for this study (Rick Lester, written communication 1994) and have very reliable locations.

--ORIGIN TIME (UT)-- -LAT N-- --LON W-- DEPTH DUR N N RMS ERH ERZ AZ MIN YR MON DA HRMN SEC DEG MIN DEG MIN KM MAG RD S SEC KM KM GAP DS 74 JUN 4 622 44.52 37 46.23 122 27.94 14.76 1.6 24 4 .12 .4 .5 78 7 74 JUN 5 1438 45.86 37 46.18 122 28.09 15.73 2.4 27 3 .09 .3 .4 79 7 84 DEC 11 239 59.10 37 47.30 122 23.39 14.78 1.4 25 7 .09 .3 .5 84 7

**Appendix A-5.** Events in a 2 km-diameter cluster beneath SFO (37°N 35'-37' latitude and 122°W 21'-23' longitude. Selection criteria same as for events in Appendices A-1 and A-2, but all events are well-located and meet selection criteria for Appendix A-1.

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--ORIGIN TIME (UT)-- -LAT N-- --LON W-- DEPTH DUR N N RMS ERH ERZ AZ MIN
YR MON DA HRMN SEC DEG MIN DEG MIN
                                           KM MAG RD S SEC
                                                             KM
                                                                 KM GAP DS
           245 51.73 37 36.48 122 22.73 11.46 1.3 14
                                                         .05
                                                             .6 1.5
77 SEP 25
          735
                                         9.34 .9 8
                                                             .4 1.0 109
82 NOV
               2.37 37 36.37 122 21.99
                                                        .02
           205 49.34 37 36.59 122 22.09 10.06 1.4 8
                                                        .04
                                                             .6 1.8 134
                                                        .03
        1 1922 46.10 37 36.62 122 21.91
                                          8.98 1.1 8
                                                             .5 1.3
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88 APR
       2 1043 0.40 37 36.51 122 22.37 10.84 2.2 59
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                                                             .3 1.0
89 OCT 25 1708 33.47 37 36.23 122 21.41 10.19 1.4 22
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                                                                      71 11
89 OCT 28 1346 25.51 37 36.39 122 21.57 10.79 1.5 30
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                                                        .07
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                                                                          6
89 DEC 12 1029 17.13 37 35.84 122 22.28 10.39 1.7 20
                                                        .04
                                                             .3
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                                                                          4
       5 1751 28.68 37 35.98 122 22.36 10.91 1.7 12
                                                        .04
                                                             .3 1.0
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90 MAR
90 MAR
       5 1855 39.28 37 36.00 122 22.28 10.37 1.6 23
                                                        .06
                                                                      70
91 MAR 24
            43 4.62 37 36.87 122 22.07
                                          9.17 1.3 9
                                                        .03
                                                             .5 1.4
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          314 54.14 37 36.79 122 22.06
91 MAR 30
                                         9.11 1.5 16
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        3 1137 51.95 37 36.10 122 21.91
                                          9.57 1.9 11 2 .04
                                                             .4 1.0
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       7 1127 59.27 37 36.18 122 21.73
                                                                          4
                                         9.96 1.2 17 1 .05
                                                                  .7
                                                                      78
          957 30.94 37 36.36 122 22.48 10.53 1.4 29 1 .08
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91 DEC 11
                                                             .3
                                                                  . 6
91 DEC 23 1332
                4.39 37 36.59 122 22.41 10.22 1.4 34
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                                                             . 2
91 DEC 24 1210
               9.75 37 36.15 122 21.96 10.13 1.4 35 1 .08
                                                             .2
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92 JAN 30 2307 45.55 37 36.19 122 21.89
                                         9.86 1.9 52 3 .08
                                                             .2
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                                                                  . 4
92 FEB 1 1258 25.40 37 36.81 122 21.87
                                          8.21 1.4 40 2 .08
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                                                             . 2
                                                                 . 4
                                                                      68
                                                                          5
92 FEB
       1 1742 33.41 37 36.35 122 21.88
                                          9.98
                                                         .02
                                                             .8 1.7 137
92 FEB 15 1240 29.50 37 36.63 122 22.20
                                          9.79 1.4 44 1 .07
                                                             . 2
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                                                                          5
                                                                          5
92 MAR 21 1144 8.03 37 36.68 122 22.11
                                          9.94 1.8 40 1 .08
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92 MAY 29 1358 30.74 37 36.60 122 21.67
                                          8.79 1.4 22
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93 MAY 11 1559 1.56 37 36.21 122 21.89
                                          9.87 1.7 32 1 .07
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**Appendix A-6.** Well-located M≥1.0 events beneath the coast near Point San Pedro (37°N 33'-36' latitude and 122°W 28'-32' longitude). Selection criteria same as for events in Appendix A-1.

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--ORIGIN TIME (UT) -- -LAT N-- --LON W-- DEPTH DUR N N RMS ERH ERZ AZ MIN
YR MON DA HRMN SEC DEG MIN DEG MIN
                                         KM MAG RD S SEC KM
                                                               KM GAP DS
                                                                       7
           445 59.29 37 33.99 122 29.64
76 FEB 11
                                        7.67 1.7 21
                                                       .07
                                                            .5
                                                                .4 195
                                                      .12
76 MAR 17
           729
               5.19 37 33.83 122 29.82 7.84 2.2 35
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                                                           . 5
                                                                .3 182
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ORIGIN TIME (GN YR MON DA HRMN S		LON W DEG MIN		DUR 1 MAG RI				AZ MI GAP D	
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